

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 9-20 are in the case. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claim 17 has been amended. Applicant has reconsidered appealing, and, instead, hereby placed the application in form for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 9-16, and the statement of allowability of Claims 17-20 if the alleged informality in Claim 17 were corrected. Claim 17 has been amended to so correct such alleged informality. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 17-20 are now allowable as well. Wherefore allowance of Claims 17-20 and the withdrawal of the associated objection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Jennes et al., these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Jennes et al., these claims have all been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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